(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND T0US1SM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Airports Authority of India have neither information about commencement of these works nor its subsequent abandonment.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Schemes for development of tourism by Darjeeling Goirkha hill council

6842. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any major scheme for the development of tourism from the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Govern lent have taken steps to allot necessar- funds as asked for; and

(d) if so. the amount of suet funds released so far?

THE MINISTER Ol CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) 0n the basis of complete and eligible proposals received from the Stau; Government, Central financial assistance was sanctioned in respect of the following project/ schemes during the las three years:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1992-93		
1. Augmentation of facilities at Mainak Tourist Lodge, Siliguri .	29.00	14.50
1993-94		
1. Construction of wayside facility at Pashupati	24.14	5.00
1994-95		
1. Tea and Tourism Festival 1993	04.28	4.28
2. Production of Video film on Darjeeling	02.00	2.00

Development of Heritage tourism in Himachal Pradesh

6843. SHRI KEISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it it a fact that the con cept of heritne loursim has been ac cepted by all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States where his concept has been adopted;

(c) whether Himachal Pradesh is one of them; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan being drawn up for the development of this concept in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) India has several attractions in the field of tourism such as culture, monuments, fairs and festivals, art and crafts, etc. All form part of our great national